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SENATE MEMORIAL 77

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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL AIR QUALITY
AUTHORITY COMPOSED OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, SANDOVAL COUNTY,
VALENCIA COUNTY, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND OTHER
MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE REGION.

WHEREAS, air quality is vitally important to the health
and well-being of the residents of the municipalities and
unincorporated portions of Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia
counties; and

WHEREAS, the region encompassing Bernalillo, Valencia and
Sandoval counties is experiencing substantial growth in
residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, factors such as land use, transportation and
manufacturing may all impact air quality individually and
cumulatively; and

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1 WHEREAS, the governmental entities in the region should be
2 encouraged to develop uniform standards with respect to air
3 quality permitting and enforcement that would provide better
4 protection for the region's air quality and provide a uniform
5 process for permit applicants; and

6 WHEREAS, the combining of the resources of the
7 governmental entities in the region addressing air quality
8 issues should be encouraged to maximize efficiencies in
9 personnel, resources and knowledge; and

10 WHEREAS, a regional air quality board would be better
11 staffed and equipped to develop effective strategies to
12 regulate emissions without imposing undue burdens on permit
13 applicants; and

14 WHEREAS, the oversight and control of air quality issues
15 in the region would be performed best by a single agency;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia counties,
18 and the municipalities contained therein, be encouraged to
19 establish a regional air quality authority; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the boards of commissioners of Bernalillo,
22 Sandoval and Valencia counties and to the governing bodies of
23 the cities of Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Corrales, Rio Rancho,
24 Belen and Los Lunas.

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